

special maritimes transportation study, particularly as this matter is now urgent, that a proper evaluation may be given to the Kauffeld report, one able proposal for the orderly development of Halifax harbour.

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Minister of Transport): I am afraid, sir, that I am not in a position to shed any light.

INDUSTRY

TRENTON, N.S.—REMOVAL OF MACHINERY FROM HAWKER SIDDELEY PLANT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): I have a question for the Prime Minister which in his absence I shall direct to the Acting Prime Minister. Has the Acting Prime Minister received a telegram from the president of local 1231 of the United Steel Workers of America at the Hawker Siddeley Trenton plant, Nova Scotia, to the effect that the Department of National Defence is removing machines from the marine finish part of this industry and putting the heavy forge press, one of the largest in Canada, on the market for sale? If so, would the minister look into this matter with a view to permitting this machinery to remain in its present place so that employment in this plant may not be interfered with?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made a representation—

Mr. MacEwan: On a point of order, this is a designated area and there is no point in trying to bring new industry into the area if machinery is to be pulled out of the old.

FISHERIES

INQUIRY AS TO ESTABLISHMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL CO-ORDINATES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): I have a question for the Acting Prime Minister. May I say to him that he fills that role with a distinction and a verve seldom seen in this house. I would ask him whether in his new-found capacity and with his new authority he is in a position to make any pronouncement about straight base lines?

Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Prime Minister): A date is approaching when I shall be able to say something more specific about the establishment of the co-ordinates and the straight base lines. We are now awaiting a formal

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reply to a note we sent the other day to the government of the United States. There have been some informal discussions in regard to the note and I believe that progress is being made. I know the hon. gentleman will welcome this information.

Mr. Howard: Could the minister be more precise with regard to the date which he says is approaching, and tell us whether it will be this year or next year?

Mr. Martin (Essex East): I am sure it will be well before the end of the next three months.

GRAIN

REQUEST FOR OPEN QUOTA ON DURUM WHEAT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. R. D. McLelland (Rosetown-Biggart): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Trade and Commerce who has responsibility for reporting to this house on behalf of the Canadian Wheat Board. Could the minister inform us whether the board is considering the re-establishment of the open quota for Durum wheat which was discontinued on February 28 of this year?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I will take this question as notice.

STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS RESPECTING INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): May I take this opportunity to reply to a question asked yesterday by the hon. member for Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale in connection with my conversations in Geneva last week, where I had meetings with the Canadian delegation to the GATT cereal negotiations which are being conducted as part of the Kennedy round. As hon. members are aware, the delegation includes producer advisers along with officials of the Canadian Wheat Board and the government departments concerned.

I also had discussions on this important subject in Germany and the United Kingdom where I gained the impression that there is growing acceptance of the need for an increase in the minimum price, as well as in the price range advanced by the exporting countries including, of course, Canada.

It would not be appropriate for me to comment on the details of these negotiations which are being conducted on a confidential